

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by three (3) months is enclosed herewith.

Claim 31 has been canceled. Claims 22 and 30 have been amended. A new claim 41 depending from claim 22 has been added. Claims 22 – 30 and 32 - 41 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, claim 22 is objected to. Furthermore, in the Office Action, claims 22-31, 33-34, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921. Additionally, in the Office Action, claims 32 and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 in view of Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785.

With respect to the objection to claim 22, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is now overcome in view of the amendment of claim 22.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 22 - 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of the amendments of claim 22 and the following comments.

Claim 22 of the present application as currently amended recites a cooking device having a cooking chamber and a lighting unit for illuminating said cooking chamber. The lighting unit includes a first reflector and a light source. As further recited in claim 22 of the present application as currently amended, the first reflector includes a first reflector surface which reflects the light from the light source into the cooking chamber as diffuse scattered light. Additionally, the first

reflector includes a second transverse reflector surface arranged transversely to the first reflector surface which reflects the light of the light source into the cooking chamber in a focused manner. The first reflector surface is constructed as a curved groove shape and has front ends of the first reflector surface constructed as a curved groove shape

It is submitted that Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 fails to teach or disclose the burner as recited in claim 13 of the present application. For example, it is not seen that Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 teaches or discloses a second transverse reflector surface arranged transversely to the first reflector surface which reflects the light of the light source into the cooking chamber in a focused manner. It is further submitted that neither Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 nor Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785, either alone or in combination, teaches or discloses the gas burner as recited in claim 22 of the present application as currently amended. For example, Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 discloses a lighting fixture for a refrigerator and Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785 discloses a cooking device door but neither reference teaches or discloses a cooking device having the features of the cooking device recited in claim 22 of the present application

Moreover, Applicants submit that neither Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 nor Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785 provide any motivation, suggestion, or teaching to one of ordinary skill in the art of the desirability of selectively combining either of their respective arrangements with one another, let alone combining these arrangements with one another so as to provide the device such as recited in claim 22 of the present application. Moreover, even if either Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 nor Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785 did provide one of ordinary skill in the art with some motivation to achieve the suggested combined arrangement, which Applicants submit that neither of these

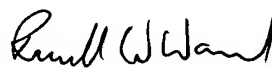
two references does, neither Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 nor Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785 provides any teaching as to how the arrangement shown either Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 or Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785 should be modified to arrive at the suggested combined arrangement. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 22 of the present application is neither taught nor disclosed by any combination of neither Drake et al US Patent No. 2,442,921 nor Byrne et al US Patent No. 5,960,785.

Thus, it is accordingly believed that none of the cited prior art teaches or discloses the device as recited in claim 22 of the present application as currently amended. Claim 22 of the present application is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the prior art and, since claims 23 - 40 are ultimately dependent on claim 22 of the present application, it is submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the reason that claim 22 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 22 – 30 and 32 - 41 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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